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COLD WAR PROBLEMS: ECONOMIC PREDICTION

Identified below are six major intelligence problems relating to the Soviet economic offensive, together with a brief preliminary approach to each.

Problem I.

Determining the role of the economic offensive in the general Soviet approach to East-West relations:

- A. Relation to foreign policy.
- B. Relation to military posture.
- C. Relation to commercial ties with Western Europe and Japan.

Problem II.

Determining the willingness and ability of the USSR and the Bloc to expand their foreign economic programs:

- A. Inter-Bloc aid transfers.
- B. Internal production priorities.
- C. Availability of goods and services of proper type for export.
- D. What this means for Soviet or Bloc stability.

Problem III.

Measuring the size, intensity, and direction of Soviet foreign economic activities:

- A. Credits and grants.
- B. Technicians.
- C. Projects.
- D. Trade and trade agreements.
- E. Air agreements.

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Problem IV.

Determining the extent and means of intra-Bloc coordination and control of foreign economic relations:

- A. Contribution of China.
- B. Role of CMEA.
- C. Role of USSR State Committee for Foreign Economic Relations.

Problem V.

Determining the organization and function of Soviet foreign aid offices located in underdeveloped countries:

- A. Cairo CMEA office;
- B. Kabul Project Planning Office;
- C. Mexico City and Montevideo Soviet Embassies.

Problem VI.

Determining the political and economic impact of Soviet aid on recipient countries:

- A. Political alignment.
- B. Ability to repay loans.
- C. Adverse credit terms.
- D. Effect on internal economic development programs.
- E. Effect on internal productive capacity.